

To the Honorable the Genl. Assembly of the State of Missouri.
 The undersigned Citizens of the Genesee County in the State of Missouri
 would respectfully represent unto you, that in their opinion it would
 greatly tend to their benefit and the general benefit of the Country
 if the present Proprietors of the "Iron Mountain" could be incorporated in
 order that Capital might be brought from the East and expended in the
 development of this immense mineral resource of our State. Your petition
 would state that they are informed and believe that the "Iron Mountain
 property" is once more free from all incumbrance and in the hands
 of those who are anxious to bring its immense resources into active oper-
 ation. The charter which was granted by the Legislature several years ago
 is understood to be such an one as can never be carried out, and with which
 the present proprietors of the property have nothing to do, the former Com-
 pany or firm of Vandoren, Rose & Co. having entirely failed. It is held up
 as a local affair in a great measure, one in which we are
 vitally interested. The property is extensive and of great value and
 can only be put into active & beneficial operation by a chartered company
 owning the property and having a large Cash Capital which would always
 be a guarantee to the creditors and a protection to the stockholders who your
 petitioners think ought not to be responsible beyond the amount of their
 stock, which in the State or property held liable would always be adequate
 security for any demands that could possibly accrue against the company.
 Your petitioners therefore most earnestly request that you will grant to the
 proprietors of the property a liberal charter for a company to mine and man-
 ufacture iron & steel in all its various branches with power to construct

and that such charter be granted for a term of years upon such principles
 as will induce capitalists to invest their money and at the same time
 protect the public against imposition. In the main your petitioners are
 opposed to incorporations but the present case they regard as an exception
 the immense value of this property & the large capital necessary to carry
 it into effective operations render it necessary to procure Capital from ab-
 road which can only be obtained in the way of subscriptions to stock.

Individual Capital and enterprise is wholly insufficient to develop our mineral
 resources which have already remained dormant too long and if not aid-
 ed by means from abroad must remain so and await the slow process of
 accumulation of wealth & enterprise induced by time. Your petitioners
 therefore pray that this their petition be heard & granted and otherwise
 passed upon as to you shall seem most & just.

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To the Honorable the Genl Assembly of the State of Missouri.
The undersigned Citizens of Ste Genevieve County in the State of Missouri would respectfully represent unto you, that in their opinion it would manifestly lend to their benefit and the general benefit of the Country if the present Propietors of the “Iron Mountain” could be incorporated in order that Capital might be brought from the East and expended in the development of this immense mineral resourse of our State= Your petitioners would state that they are informed and believe that the “Iron Mountain property” is once more free from all incumbrance and in the hands of those who are anxious to bring its immense resources into active operation, the charter which was granted by the Legislature several years ^{since it} is understood is such an one as can never be carried out, and with which the present propietors of the property have nothing to do,the former Company or firm of Vandoren, Pease & Co having entirely failed= We look upon this matter as a local affair in a great measure, one in which we are vitally interested. The property is extensive and of great value and can only be put into active & beneficial operation by a chartered company owning the property and having a large Cash Capital which would always be a guarantee to the creditors and a protection to the stockholders who your petitioners think ought not to be responsible beyond the amount of their stock, which with the estate or property held liable would always be adequate security for any demands that could possibly accrue against the company = Your petitioners therefore most earnestly request that you will grant to the propietors of the property a liberal charter for a Company to make and manufacture iron & steel in all its various branches with power to construct a Rail or McAdamised road to some point on ^{the} Mississippi River and that such charter be granted for a term of years! upon such principles as will induce capitalists to invest their money and at the same time protect the public against imposition. In the main your petitioners are opposed to corporations but the present case they regard as an exception the immense value of this property & the large capital necessary to carry it into effective operation; render it necessary to procure capital from abroad, this can only be obtained in the way of subscriptions to Stock. Individual capital and enterprise is wholly insuffient to develop our mineral resources which have already remained dormant too long, and if not aided by means from abroad must remain so and await the slow process of accumulation of wealth & enterprise induced by time - Your petitioners therefore pray that this their petition be heard & granted and other wise passed upon as to you shall seem meet & just.- - -

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